



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

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Dear Friends,

I've been thinking for weeks now what my message should be for this year's annual report. I went through the process of creating a timeline of the events and activities that transpired over the fiscal year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) and quickly realized this would be a very long letter that would maybe get put aside for reading when you were looking for a short novel. I opted instead to share three events that refreshed my spirit, warmed my heart, and reminded me that all things work for good for those who love God.

- You may recall there was a sudden influx of unaccompanied minor children from Central America and Mexico crossing into the United States through the state of Texas in the summer of 2014. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley set up a reception center to help the children and families after they were released from the Customs and Border Patrol processing stations. The center provided meals, clothing, shoes and other needed supplies and also a place to shower and rest. To help in that response effort, our local agency held a donation drive to collect items that were needed to sustain the services. The outpouring of love and concern from this community was phenomenal. Over the course of ten days, more than two dozen volunteers came to help receive, sort and pack the donations. Then, 'Simon', secured a truck for all the boxes to be transported. When everything was loaded on the truck, it wasn't quite filled to capacity so 'Simon' worked with a local retailer and purchased more clothing and shoes to fill the truck to the ceiling! That was followed by an awesome-twosome of Debbie and Bill who made the round-trip drive of more than 16 hours to deliver the truckload of love.
- The 12th Annual Harvest of Hope honoring Monsignors William Manger and Bennie Patillo was held in November 2014. It was an amazing expression of love and appreciation for their collective century of ministry. The event, chaired by Stephanie and Shawn Figari, was a record breaker that year with more than 500 guests and gross revenue of more than \$324,000 to support the programs of Catholic Charities.
- Once more, our region was impacted by storms that caused severe weather and flooding. There were two significant weather events, flooding in May 2015 followed by Tropical Storm Bill in June 2015. Six of the nine counties in our diocese were declared disaster areas. Bishop Guillory called for a special collection which raised more than \$37,000 to help the families impacted by these disasters. Though we all know the challenges and difficulties faced in recovering from this type of devastation, it is most comforting to know this community once again, responded in love.

Thank you for blessing us with your gifts of time, talent and treasure to care for our brothers and sisters in need.

Peace and Love,

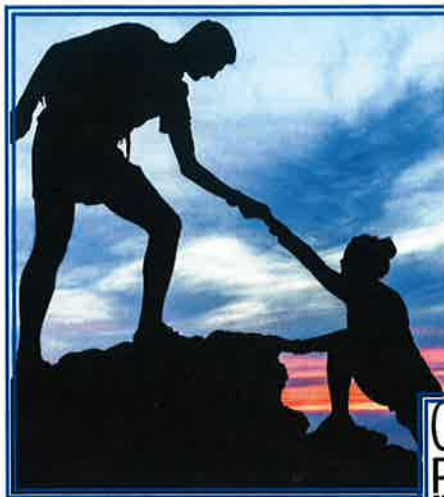
Carolyn R. Fernandez
President/CEO

*providing help
creating hope*



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2015 Annual Report



OUR MISSION

People of faith responding to needs by serving, teaching, building community, and preserving the dignity of individuals and families in Southeast Texas.

Program Summary



The programs of Catholic Charities strive to provide everyone the opportunity to make their lives better, offer integrated services that help children become good citizens, leaders and responsible adults and work to develop stewards who use their time, talent, and treasure to help people in need. The work of the agency is accomplished through a dedicated corps of more than 700 volunteers who support 18 staff. We are pleased to report that in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 the agency was able to provide help and create hope for 4,100 unduplicated individuals. Of these individuals, 70% were living below the poverty level as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Asset Building Case Management (ABC) offers financial and home buyer education classes, financial case management that includes help with budgeting and credit repair, free income tax preparation, a matched savings program and other services. The program served 346 clients in this last fiscal year.

Counseling Services provides individual and family counseling with licensed professionals who are trained in psychology, social work or counseling. The program helped 156 clients through 599 counseling sessions.

Disaster Response is available for victims of natural disasters and emergency financial assistance is offered to those facing temporary financial hardship due to personal tragedies. Staff and volunteers responded to the flooding in May 2015 and to Tropical Storm Bill in June 2015. In total, through both of these services, 607 individuals were assisted.

Elijah's Place offers peer and adult support to children ages 5-18 who are grieving the death of a parent or sibling. The program is facilitated by specially trained volunteers and led by a licensed professional counselor. This year, Elijah's Place helped 26 families and 48 children who were mourning the death of a loved one.

The Hospitality Center is a soup kitchen serving the homeless, senior citizens, the disabled, unemployed, and the working poor. The Center serves a hot meal 365 days a year and last year fed 1,980 individuals a total of 44,146 meals. Of those served by the Hospitality Center at least 87% were living below the poverty level.

Immigration legal assistance provides access to affordable legal services for those seeking lawful immigration benefits. Legal consulting and services were provided to 953 clients this year.

The Parish Social Ministry Program works with local churches to help develop social justice ministries and community services through workshops, advocacy trainings, and lectures. This program also leads the diocesan collaboration for state legislative advocacy and engaged more than 100 parishioners from our diocese for the 2015 Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day.



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Financial Summary

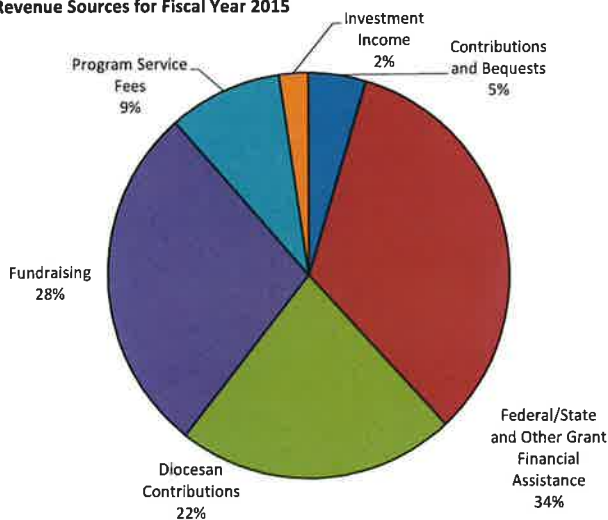
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Statement of Activities

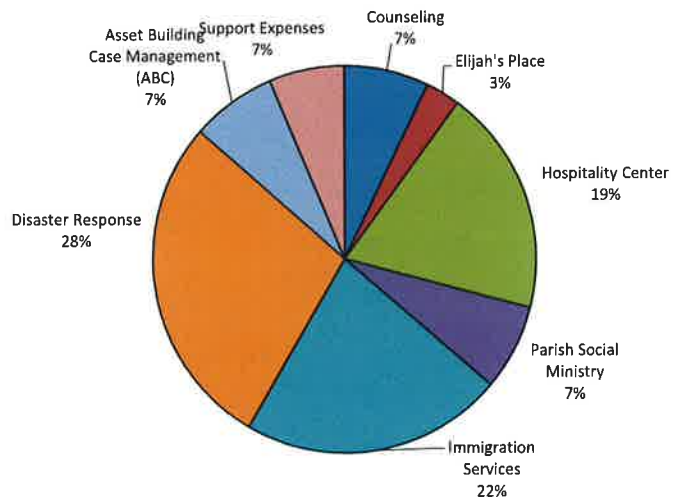
For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Contributions & Bequests	\$66,204	\$185,384
Federal/State and Other Grant Financial Assistance	478,991	372,855
Diocesan Contributions	320,000	320,000
Fundraising	399,680	294,322
Program Service Fees	130,679	146,405
Investment Income	33,244	36,416
Total Revenue:	<u>\$1,428,798</u>	<u>\$1,355,382</u>
Counseling	\$102,375	\$113,754
Elijah's Place	41,875	50,096
Hospitality Center	271,322	240,189
Parish Social Ministry	102,644	86,861
Immigration Services	316,840	322,218
Disaster Response	400,993	362,247
Asses Building Case Management (ABC)	102,978	104,664
Support Expenses	<u>90,622</u>	<u>81,942</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$1,429,649</u>	<u>\$1,361,971</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets:	<u>(\$851)</u>	<u>(\$6,589)</u>
Net Assets at beginning of year:	\$3,216,508	\$3,223,097
Net Assets at end of year	<u>\$3,215,657</u>	<u>\$3,216,508</u>

Revenue Sources for Fiscal Year 2015



Expenditure Categories for Fiscal Year 2015



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With the Help of Faithful Stewards

The work of Catholic Charities is made possible through people of all faiths who believe God calls each of us to share the gifts He has given to us.

Gifts of Prayers

We ask you to lend your prayers to ours that our staff and volunteers will always reflect the light and love of God to all who come to us for help.

Gifts of Donations

Direct financial contributions, corporate matching gifts, contributed goods or services, memorial donations, and bequests are all ways to support the mission of Catholic Charities.

During this fiscal year, your donations generated more than \$785,000 for the agency.

Gifts of Time

Volunteer opportunities are available with all of our programs and with the administrative office. We want to find the right match for your interests and schedule. Please call our office or visit our website to get a volunteer application. This year 762 volunteers gave the gift of time through 18,512 hours of service.

The programs of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas emphasize assistance to low-to-moderate income residents of a nine-county territory that includes Chambers,

Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler Counties.

Catholic Charities makes its services available to all without regard to race, gender, religion, age or national origin.



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